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Messina, July 22.

WE have Advice from Palermo, that the Transports having on Board the second Imbarkation of Spanish Troops, were sailed from Termini for Barcelona, under the Convoy of Captain Strickland. Captain Hobart, Commander of the Garland, with four Ships and eight Tartanes, having on Board 1300 Piemontese from Syracusa, sailed from hence Yesterday for Sardinia. In this Port is the Adventure, Captain Wood, from Smyrna, bound for Leghorn and England.

Naples, Aug. 2. We have received Letters from Palermo dated the 26th of last Month, which give an Account that the Transports which carried the first Imbarkation of the Spanish Troops, and landed them at Barcelona, were returned to Palermo that Day, and were taking on Board the third and last Imbarkation; so that we expect to hear in a few Days of the total Evacuation of that Island.

Stockholm, July 27. Last Night about Nine a-Clock the King returned to his Palace of Carlberg, from the Progress he lately took to the Copper and Silver Mines; and about 10 a-Clock this Forenoon his Majesty came to Council here in Town, where Adjutant General Marks made a Report of his Reception at Petersbourg, (whither he some time ago carried the Letters of Notification of his present Swedish Majesty's Accession to the Crown) and delivered at the same time the Letters he brought in Answer thereto from the Czar. They are said to contain congratulatory Compliments and general Professions of the Czar's desire of Peace. After the Council broke up his Majesty received the Compliments of all the Foreign Ministers upon his safe Return, and then went to dine with the Queen at Carlberg. On the 22d Instant the Men of War sailed from the Dahlers.

Berlin, Aug. 13. The King of Prussia who arrived here on the 10th Instant, set out this Morning for Potsdam, where he designs to continue till he undertakes the Journey to Hanover. Yesterday about Ten in the Morning, a very dismal Accident happened here: As some Soldiers were removing a Magazine of Powder, which lay in a Tower at one of the Gates of the Town, it took Fire, and blew up the Tower. There are near 200 Persons killed or wounded, amongst the first are 84 Children, who being in a School hard by, were all destroyed, together with the Master. Several Houses in the Neighbourhood have been very much damaged, and the Loss on this Occasion is very great. M Mardefeldt in his Letters which came in this Morning from Petersbourg gives an Account, that the Courier who had been sent from hence on the 19th past, with Orders to renew the Offer of his Britannick Majesty's Mediation to the Czar, jointly with that of the King of Prussia, was arrived there, and that he had communicated the Contents of his Dispatches to his Czarish Majesty (who was just taking Coach to go to Finland, to put that Province into a Posture of Defence, on Advice that the Swedes intended to make a Descent) who thereupon named Messieurs Schaffiroff and Tolstoy, to receive and examine in his Absence the Proposals he, M. Mardefeldt, was impowered to make to him. He adds, that on the Czar's Return to Petersbourg, which would be in a Fortnight, he should have his final Resolution. P. S. The King of Prussia sets out To-Morrow Morning for Hanover.

Friday, August 12, 1720.

At a Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company.

THE Court of Directors taking into Consideration what Terms and Prices to allow to the Proprietors of the Long Annuities, 9 per Cents, and Tickets of Lottery 1710, and also for the Publick Redeemable Debts and Annuities, for which Subscriptions have been made at the South-Sea House in order to their being taken into the Capital Stock of this Company, and the Price of the Company's Stock being this Day upwards of 900 per Cent. including therein the Midsummer Dividend of Ten per Cent. Stock, which makes the Stock (exclusive of that Dividend) about 820 per Cent. This Court came to the following Resolutions, viz.

I. That there be allowed for every 100 l. per Annum of the Long Annuities (except those commonly called the 14 per Cents) 400 l. in the Capital Stock of this Company, which at 800 l. per Cent. (exclusive of the Midsummer Dividend) amounts to ——— 3200 l.

And in Bonds of the Company or Money as is herein aftermentioned ——— 400

Total for each 100 l. per Annum amounting to at 36 Years Purchase ——— 3600

And in that Proportion for every greater or lesser Sum than 100 l. per Annum of those Annuities.

II. That for the Annuities commonly called the 14 per Cents, there be allowed for every 98 l. per Annum 420 l. in the Capital Stock of this Company, which at 800 l. per Cent. (exclusive of the Midsummer Dividend) amounts to——3360 l.

And in Bonds or Money——— 168

Total for each 98 l. per Annum, being 36 Years Purchase, is ——— 3528

And in that Proportion for any greater or lesser Sum than 98 l. per Annum of those Annuities.

III. That for the Annuities commonly called the 9 per Cents, there be allowed for every 90 l. per Annum 200 l. in the Capital Stock of this Company, which at 800 l. per Cent. (exclusive of the Midsummer Dividend) amounts to—1600 l.

Which is 17 Years Purchase and 7 9ths.

And in that Proportion for every greater or lesser Sum than 90 l. per Annum of those Annuities.

IV. That the Proprietors of the said Long Annuities, and of the 9 per Cents subscribed as aforesaid, shall be intituled to the Income of their respective Annuities to Midsummer last.

V. That for the Benefits of Lottery 1710, for the whole 23 Years, there be allowed for every 100 l. per Annum, 200 l. in the Capital Stock of this Company, which at 800 l. per Cent. (exclusive of the Midsummer Dividend) amounts to ——— 1600 l.

And in Bonds or Money ——— 150

Total for each 100 l per Annum, being 17 Years and a Half Purchase, is——— 1750

And in that Proportion for every greater or lesser Annual Sum than 100 l. per Annum of those Benefits.

VI. That for the Blanks of Lottery 1710, for every 98 l. per Annum, there be allowed 210 l. in the Capital Stock of this Company, which at 800 l. per Cent. (exclusive of the Midsummer Dividend) amounts to——1680 l.

And in Bonds or Money——— 35

Total for each 98 l. per Annum, being 17 Years and a Half Purchase, is ——— 1715

And in that Proportion for every greater or lesser Sum than 98 l. per Annum.

VII. That all the redeemable Annuities and Debts subscribed as aforesaid, as well those at 4 per Cent. as those at 5 per Cent. be taken in at 105 per Cent. and be allowed for the same in Capital